

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the enclosed amendments to the claims of this application. Claims 1 through 20 and claims 22 through 28 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 21 and 29 through 40 are presently pending in the application.

Pending claim 10 and claims 22 through 28 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants believe that this amendment may be made under 37 U.S.C. 1.116(b), and therefore request its entry.

SUMMARY

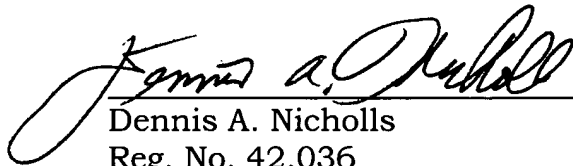
Applicants have filed a Notice of Appeal on 02/23/2004. Applicants filed an Appeal Brief and Amendment After Final on 04/22/2004. A Notification of Non-Compliance With 37 CFR 1.192(c) was mailed on 09/15/2004. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the presented claims amendments, consisting only of claim cancellations, be entered.

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the proposed cancellation of indicated claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact applicants' representative, Dennis A. Nicholls, at (408) 765-5789.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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